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Exceeding Joyfull Newes

FROM

IRELAND.

OR,

A true Relation of a great and happy
Victorie, obtained by Colonell *David Donlasse*
and Sir *James Carr*, two *Scottish* Commanders,
with the helpe of the Scots planted in the
North of *Ireland*, against the Arch-Rebels
Philemy Omsale, the Earle of *Del-*
vin, and Sir *Denis Butler*.

Where there was 6. or 7000 of the Rebels slaine up-
on the place, 4000 Armes taken from them,
and 4. Field-Pieces. Within 9. *Irish* myles of
Knockfergus, February, 16. 1641.

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THough I can write nothing of mine owne personall knowledge as being there present. Yet the matter being such, as that the whole State and Councell here at *Dublin* is undoubtedly informed of the truth and certainty of it, and publike thanks openly given in the Cathedrall Church of St. *Patrick* here in *Dublin* in that behalfe you may without scruple embrace it as for good so credible tydings: Victory hath not onely shined divers wayes lately upon the *English* Banner hereabouts, but God hath also granted a most successefull day to our friends and Brethren, the *Scots* in the Northerne parts, within 9. myles of the Towne called *Knockfergus*, on the 16. of *February* last betwixt 3. and 4. of the clocke in the afternoone, as we are here credibly enformed by divers Letters and messengers that are here arrived by Sea from those parts, which Victory was obtained under the conduct and command of two *Scottish* Commanders, Colonell *Davie Douglas*, and Sir *James Carre* Colonell, with the ayd and assistance of all the *Scottish* Inhabitants in those parts, which *Scottish* Victory very great and glorious, was occasioned as followeth.

The Arch-Rebels *Philemy Oxeale*, the Earle of *Delwin*, and Sir *Denis Butler*, having intelligence that great

sides and lances, were with all speed making ready in Scotland, under the Command of Generall Lesley, and the other three Lords, Commissioners, to be transported into that part of Ireland viz. the North where their Country-men are allready planted, thought it their cheifest play to be aforehand, and to attempt the utter extirpation of the Scots: before any farther strength would joyne with them from Scotland, being assured, as well they might, that what good successe wee for our parts might wish them in heart, yet being so incumbered by their fellows almost at Dublin gates, we could afford them little helpe by hands, seeing our Supplies with the Lord Lieutenant, are not yet arriv'd out of England, heereupon these foresaid Rebels to the number of 12. or 14. Thousand as well armed for this Country, and for so great a number as ever was seene in Ireland, drew directly into the North to accomplish their designe: the Scots for certaine hearing of their coming, and that they were within 5. and thirty Myles march of them, and that with so great a Power, began at the right end, and considering the danger so great and so eminent, Proclaimed a Fast, and Generall Humiliation the next day, through out all their Quarters, and the next day after, vnder the Command of the two Commanders foresaid, Colonnell Douglas and Sr. James Carr, old Souldiers that have served long in the Swedish Warre, they mustered all their Infantrie, and Cavallarie, which consisted of 4. or 5. Thousand Foote, and about Nine Hundred and Fiftie Horse, some three Thousand Muskets, and about as many Pikes, and halfe-Pikes, their Horse-men had their Swords and Lances, some 200. their Pistols
such

such as they were, and this was sent upon Lin,
Councell, the chiefeft of the Armes they had was their
Courages, (being the chiefeft thing that did it) their
greatest number being armed with such things as their
Country would afforde, being Toolles rather then
Armes, and fitter to make tillage withall then to fight
a picher Bittell, as Pick-Axes, Forks, great long Clubs
Iron Batts, long Poles, but God saith *Salamon*, doth
not alwayes give the day unto the strongest and like-
liest Armie, as will appeare by the ensuing discourse,
the Scottish Colonels had sent out Spyes to see the
behaviour of the Irish Rebels, and by them had tidings
that their Horse, which they judged in number to be
aboue 14. Hundred, marched, and began to plunder
the Scottish Cabins, and drive away their Hearde,
being afore in distance as they deemed, at least 2. Irish
Miles from the Grosse of their Foote, the Scottish
Commanders, old Soldiers, were not a whit sorrow-
full to heare that Newes, hoping as it fell out, the
next day to take their Horse at that distance: on the
morrow, and to enterraine them a part from the Re-
bels Infanterie, for by their owne report they feared
most the Irish Cavallerie, as being better Armed, and
more in number, whereupon *Douglas*, with Fifteene
Hundred of his best shot, and but Five Hundred Pikes,
clapped at three of the clocke in the morning, into a
Wood called the Bower of St. *Patrickke*, without
Drum or any Warlike musicall Instrument, coun-
celling Sir *James Carr* to keepe his station, and not
suffer the Enemy, to come to him if he pleased: not
to stirre a Foote to meete him.

About

About 8. in the morning *O-neals* Horse let forward as cocke sure, and therefore carelesse of their Order, and advanced all along the brough of the Bower, even within halfe a Mile of *Carr*, whom they espying to stand still, and not to move, thinking he had beene danted, forgetting how farre their owne Grosse was behind, put Spurres to horse, and fiercely charged upon him crying all is ours, all is ours, *Carr* soberly and sadly received them, and made them stand, out came *Duglis* iust behind them playing most furiously with his shot, the Scottish horse though but weake and few, in respect of them, seeing them thus coopt in, thinking what was to be done, was to be done before their Foote came neare, gave them a furious charge in the Flanke, as *Duglis* did not omit to doe his part in the Reare, as *Carr* in their Vanne, the *Irish* thus seeing themselves hem'd in and cast off their Foote, were utterly quell'd in their courages, and casting about to retire, but seeing no way, presently plundered in their Order, and were immediately confounded, slaine and cast to the ground, now drew on their Grosse of Infanterie, who seeing the overthrow of their Horse, and the Scots reunited into a maine Grosse againe, and in posture to charge made a stand, which the Scottish Collonels peerceiving, *Duglis* commanded *Andrew Steward* who had the charge of the Horse, to passe over a shallow Brooke, and under shelter of that wood called the *Bower*, to round the Rebels, and upon signall given to charge behinde.

When *Steward* was gone upon this command, *O-neale* construing the Action in worser sence then it was meant, beate a charge with his Drums, an shocked Grosse

Glone to Glone, where was shot and cruel fight
Fortune perceivable enclining to neither party; the
Scots behaved themselves very valorously, and it is
hard to say, whether the men were more active in per-
formance, then the women, of whom there were no
small number, in emboldening and crying upon them,
at last *Steward* broke out of the Wood upon them in
the *Rear*, who'e unexpected charge breaking in upon
them that were slightest Armed, and expecting no hurt
from that end of the World) so both amazed, disheart-
ned, and routed them, that they supposing that there
was some not dream't on power of foote as well as
horse behind them, betooke themselves to a plaine
flight, shuffling here and there every man for himselfe,
casting downe their weapons, and abandoning their 4.
peeces of Artillery unto the dispose of the *Scots*, who
made no scruple of the leisure; here the *Irish*
were to sweare for the *Scots* not in onely standing to it,
but in flying from it, for the *Scots* followed faster then
they could flye, being asably disposed in that point as
the *Irish*, in the battell and pursuite were slain between
16 and 17000. but no man of note as the State and
course are informed save Sir *Denis Butler*, Bastard
brother unto the Lord *Mount Garret*, who was shot
with a Musket through the right eye, there was suffi-
cient Armes, for betwixt 3. and 4000 men was there
left upon the ground, for those that would take it up,
which by Gods mercy happened to be the *Scots*, for
one especiall gift is observed among the *Irish*, if they
chance to loose the day, they love to goe as light away
as they can; the wing of this field I hope will so hum-
ble

ble the Rebels, that the State shall little feare to give
any other answer unto the peremptory Demands of
their associate Rebels, that by the meanes of a Letter
were presented unto them, *February 2.* Signed with
the Seale of Armes of diuers of the Rebels Lords, of
whom with their Impudent Demand, I have here sent
you a list, the State I say shall have little cause I hope
to answer any such Demands, save with Shot
and Powder, I trust that this great o-
verthrow hath passing well
cooled their fiery cru-
ell Spirits.

FINIS.

